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Dear Sirs

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your request for a copy of the Event Safety and Operational Plan for the Isle of Wight Festival and can confirm that your request has been given careful consideration.

We can advise that we have identified a document titled **Isle of Wight Festival 2012 Conditions and Requirements Imposed by Premises Licence and Isle of Wight County Council Act 1971 (as amended) Public Document**. Whilst this document is clearly marked as a draft, we do not believe that it benefits from any exemption under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act"). We therefore enclose a copy for your information. We cannot comment on the accuracy of the information contained in this document and would reiterate that it is in draft format. In addition if you would like to view a copy of the conditions attached to the relevant premises licence they are available on the Council's website.

With respect to a copy of the Event Safety and Operational Plan (ESOP), this document was submitted to the Council from the festival organisers SOLO. Where third parties provide information/documents to the Council that are subsequently requested for disclosure, it is Council policy to undertake consultation with the relevant parties. The purpose of consultation is to obtain the views of the third party, on any harm that may be caused, to assist the Council in considering whether an exemption is justifiable. The Council has endeavoured to challenge the comments provided to ensure that the final decision is correct. We are sorry that this consultation has resulted in a delay in responding which has exceeded the statutory 20 working day limit. We trust that you appreciate that such delay was necessary in light of the sensitive nature of your request.

Having considered the ESOP together with all appendices individually and in detail together with comments provided by the third party it is our decision that the information contained in these documents is exempt by virtue of Sections 38, 40 and 41 of the Act. Please see attached refusal notice for full details.

I trust that the attached notice fully explains the Council's decision. We note that this is a high profile event that has attracted interest from a wide audience. In acknowledging this we have ensured that the Council's decision is correct and this is reflected in the time that has been taken in dealing with the request.

In light of the time and resources that have been involved in dealing with your request we do not think it appropriate to offer an internal review of our decision. However you do have the right of appeal under section 50 of the Act, to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether your request has been

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dealt with in accordance with the Act. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following address: Information Commissioner's office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Or Web site : www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

For Corporate Information Unit